

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were:

Dennis Adams, Chairperson  
Karen Berger, V-Chairperson  
Susan Riblett  
Mitchell Nellis  
George Smith  
David Briden  
Christine Corrado, Councilperson  
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

**1. Public Forum**

None

**2. Meeting Minutes**

Review of the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. Communications Received**

Letter from Mike Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, dated September 24, 2020 regarding Town tree removals.

**4. Presentations**

None

**5. Project Reviews**

8P-03-20 2125 Monroe Avenue - Brighton Garden Apts

- Proposed landscaping plan and fence maintenance should provide proper screening.

9P-01-20 Clover Street

- The Board sees no justification for basically clear cutting the lot. The applicant was aware of the property's woodlot EPOD classification and submitted and received approval for a site plan that minimized tree removal for the construction of a new house. Tree removal shall be limited to that as was originally approved.
- If some relief is considered, then it should apply only to removing the "primary" trees as discussed in the revised Tree Removal Justification document submitted by J. Galiley Arbor Consulting.

- Removing “secondary” trees based on speculation should not be considered. The contractor should provide adequate tree protection to avoid disturbance and limit stress to the “secondary” trees during construction.
- The proposed mitigation plan shall be implemented if any “primary” trees are removed.
- Removal of trees to make room for a soil stockpile is unwarranted.

10P-02-20 69 Rockhill Road

- No comment.

## **6. EMC Report**

Roundtable discussion regarding future topics.

## **7. Staff Report**

No report.

## **8. Green Report**

Approval of the Community Choice Aggregation Program.

## **9. New Business**

None

## **10. Old Business**

Discussion was held regarding how to recruit volunteers to participate in the updating of the Town’s tree inventory. Councilwomen Corrado suggested that the Town of Brighton Recreation Department may be a conduit in the recruitment processes. She will talk to Rebecca Cotter, Recreation Director, and put her in touch with George.

## **11. Tree Council**

The Council received tree evaluation report(s) for:

3 Babcock Drive	29" Pine
424 Claybourne Road	23" Norway maple
424 Claybourne Road	22" Norway maple
30 Delaware Avenue	35" Silver maple
30 Delaware Avenue	31" Silver maple
124 Shalimar Drive	11" Sand cherry
160 Hampshire Drive	22" Pear

The Tree Council reviewed the forms and visited the sites. The Council is in agreement with the evaluations and supports the removal of the identified trees, and as recommended agrees replacement trees should be planted at the removal sights.

**Next Meeting Date**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 PM, **NOVEMBER 10, 2020**.

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 10/26/2020.